| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 33. | Delhi | 21,68,894 | 13,42,125 | 5,72,116 | |
| | | 18.33% | 25.29% | 29.15 | |
| 34. | Lakshadweep | 6,876 | 4,897 | — | 6,712 |
| | | 13.34% | 19.53% | | 13.86% |
| 35. | Pondicherry | 1,60,819 | 1,12,181 | 42,015 | — |
| | | 18.76% | 26.10% | 30.88% | |
| | All India | 30,41,02,917 | 19,34,79,064 | 6,24,03,320 | 3,63,79,192 |
| | | 35.16% | 46.33% | 45.31% | 52.90% |

**Shortage of teachers in primary and middle schools**

171. SHRI D. RAJA:
SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is facing a shortage of about eight lakh teachers in primary and middle schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is because of non availability of qualified teachers or not making appointments;

(d) what steps are being taken to tackle the problem; and

(e) whether there is any scheme to reduce the shortage in a phased manner; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (e) The States/UTs receive assistance under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme for recruitment of teachers to new primary and upper primary schools and to improve teacher pupil ratios in existing schools. Since inception 12.28 lakh teachers have been sanctioned under SSA. Another 6 lakh teachers are projected for the remaining part of the Eleventh Plan.

**Drop-out rate of SC/ST and girl students**

172. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the overall SC/ST/girl student dropout rate at primary stage from classes I-V;

(b) the improvement achieved during the past four years; and